



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-3

For the meeting of: September 9, 2014

Date: August 22, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Resolution to Adopt the North Coast Integrated Resources Management Plan, Phase III

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) adopting the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Phase III

SOURCE OF FUNDING: State of California, Department of Water Resources, Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County participates in the North Coast Resource Partnership (formerly the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, NCIRWMP) which was initiated in collaboration with the counties of Sonoma Modoc, Mendocino, Trinity, Del Norte, and Siskiyou in 2004. The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) coordinates the planning and implementation of projects throughout the region related to water supply and water quality, energy conservation and independence, and healthy economies, communities and watersheds and produces the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Since 2006, Humboldt

Prepared by Jennifer Jenkins Kuszmar, Supervising Planner

Signature [Signature]

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Sept. 9, 2014

By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

County has served as the regional administrating agency and has managed over \$40 million in grants issued to the NCRP by state agencies with funding from Propositions 50 and 84 as well as other sources. Grant administration work for the NCRP is performed by the Natural Resources Planning division, which was integrated into Public Works in June 2012.

The NCRP is governed by a Policy Review Panel (PRP) which includes two representatives appointed by each participating County's Board of Supervisors and three representatives appointed by North Coast Tribes. The County of Humboldt's Policy Review Panel representatives are Supervisors Sundberg and Lovelace. The PRP provides direction and oversight for the NCRP process. In addition, a Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) advises the PRP and provides technical review and evaluation for project applications for funding. The County's TPRC representatives appointed by your Board are Hank Seemann of Public Works and Carol Rische of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

In 2006, California voters approved Proposition 84, the State Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) was allocated a portion of the bond funding from Proposition 84 for continued funding support to the various Integrated Regional Water Management Plan groups that have organized throughout the state. In 2010-13, the NCRP was awarded a \$1 million planning grant, an \$8.2 million grant for implementation projects, and a \$5,386,000 million grant for implementation projects through Round 1 and 2 of DWR's Proposition 84 IRWM grant program.

On January 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown proclaimed a [Drought State of Emergency](#) and on March 1, 2014, Governor Brown signed legislation to assist drought-affected communities and provide funding to better use local water supplies. The Governor and Legislature have directed DWR to expedite the solicitation and award of \$200 million (of the \$472.5 million) in Proposition 84 IRWM funding to support projects and programs that provide immediate regional drought preparedness, increase local water supply reliability and the delivery of safe drinking water, assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective, and/or reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought.

On May 27, 2014, your Board authorized the County to submit an application for funding for the Prop 84 IRWMP Drought Expedited Funding on behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership. A condition of this funding is that all participating Policy Review Panel agencies, tribes and project proponents adopt the recently revised North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Phase III. This Plan has been reviewed by the Policy Review Panel members, and has been available for review by interested stakeholders via the North Coast website and at quarterly Policy Review Panel meetings. On July 31st DWR determined that the NCIRWMP, Phase III is consistent with the IRWM Planning Act and complies with all of the IRWM Plan Standards outlines in DWR's 2014 IRWM Program Guidelines; requirements that had to be met to ensure the North Coast's eligibility for subsequent rounds of funding from the IRWM grant program. The final NCIRWMP Plan, that incorporates all Policy Review Panel, Technical Peer Review Committee, DWR, Tribal and public review comments can be found at the following link:

http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/Content/10319/North_Coast_Integrated_Regional_Water_Management_Plan.html

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The requested action has no financial impact to the County's General Fund.

The requested action conforms to the Board of Supervisors core roles of providing for and maintaining infrastructure and protecting vulnerable populations. The NCRP focuses on identifying the highest priority projects throughout the region, many of which benefit economically disadvantaged communities and regional infrastructure.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Department of Water Resources, North Coast Resource Partnership Counties (Del Norte, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Sonoma) along with tribal governments.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose to not authorize an application for funding. This alternative is not recommended because the NCRP would not receive any funding for this round of funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution _____ authorizing submittal of an application for funding an execution of a grant agreement, if awarded/

ATTACHMENT A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of September 9, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 14-63

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, PHASE III.

WHEREAS, in the past 12 years, the California electorate approved three general obligation bonds including Propositions 50, 84 and 1E that have provided more than \$12 billion for water-related projects in California for projects that are included in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans; and

WHEREAS, the development of a regional coalition to organize and promote local and regional projects for funding has proven to be effective in obtaining funding from these bond measures directing more than \$46 million to water related projects located in the North Coast Region over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, a concerted effort by North Coast IRWM Plan participants and interested stakeholders has resulted in the completion of Phase I & II of the North Coast IRWM Plan that have been adopted by seven partner counties in 2005 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan has identified \$435 million funding in needs for capital projects that will improve water supply reliability, protect and improve water quality, increase water use efficiency and reuse, and protect and restore threatened and endangered aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, local and regional water suppliers across California face significant financial challenges due to effort to replace aging water infrastructure, meet increasingly difficult regulatory compliance standards, adapt to climate change, and increase water reuse and improve groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, projects to implement Drought-related efforts throughout the North Coast Region are eligible for grant funding from the Proposition 84 IRWM Program; and

WHEREAS, projects that complement the North Coast IRWM Plan have been reviewed and ranked by the North Coast Technical Peer Review Committee and approved by the North Coast Policy Review Panel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt declares it intent to adopt and implement Phase III of the North Coast IRWM Plan, on September 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, all persons desiring to be heard and provide comment at the North Coast Policy Review Panel meetings and via the North Coast IRWM Planning website were given the opportunity to present their views and all written communications regarding the plan were publically presented.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby find, determine and declare as follows:

1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Phase III of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, is adopted.

Dated: September 9, 2014



REX BOHN, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bass, seconded by Supervisor Fennell, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By ANA HARTWELL
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California

ATTACHMENT B

**County of Humboldt Written Statement for Local Public Agencies Applying for
DWR Prop 84 Drought Funding**

The County of Humboldt provides this written statement as required in the Department of Water Resources 2014 IRWM Drought Proposal Solicitation Package.

- The County of Humboldt is a local public agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2014 IRWM Drought Guidelines. The County of Humboldt is a local government agency governed by the County Board of Supervisors.
- In 2006 the County of Humboldt was appointed and accepted the role as applicant and regional administrating agency for grants received by the North Coast Resource Partnership (aka the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan) by the Policy Review Panel. The County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors authorizes via resolution applications for funding.
- As a local public agency, the County of Humboldt has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California. The County currently has five separate grant agreements with the State of California for Proposition 84 Planning and Implementation Grants.
- As the regional administrating agency, the County of Humboldt maintains auditable files for all grant related activities, including tracking of expenditures, payments, and deliverables. Upon receipt of an executed agreement, the County of Humboldt issues sub-grantee agreements to local project sponsors and/or contracts to complete work as described in the grant agreement.

ATTACHMENT C

2014 IRWM Drought Grant Acknowledgement Form

Applicant Name: County of Humboldt

IRWM Region: North Coast

RWMG: North Coast Resource Partnership Policy Review Panel

As the authorized representative of the above referenced RWMG, I acknowledge and affirm that the RWMG understands that it must provide additional information to DWR in the event that the RWMG is conditionally selected to receive 2014 IRWM Drought grant funding. I further acknowledge that the RWMG understands that its request for 2014 IRWM Drought grant funding is part of an expedited solicitation effort and agrees to the following items:

If conditionally awarded funding, the applicant, on the behalf of the RWMG, will submit to DWR, within thirty (30) calendar days of written notification, which may include email or electronic notification, all of the following items:

- A detailed Work Plan for each project contained in the Proposal
- Documentation to support the Project Justification claims contained in the Proposal
- Audited Financial Statements for the Grantee and the individual project proponents whose project(s) is/are about to begin construction/implementation
- CEQA/NEPA documentation for those projects that are about to begin construction/implementation
- Other materials that DWR deems necessary, which will be detailed in the award notification

I further acknowledge that the RWMG also understands that failure to submit the necessary information, within thirty (30) calendar days, may result in delayed execution of the grant agreement or revocation of the conditional award of funds.

Authorized Original Signature: _____

Printed Name: Thomas K. Mattson

Title: Director, Public Works

Date: _____